Supporting Information

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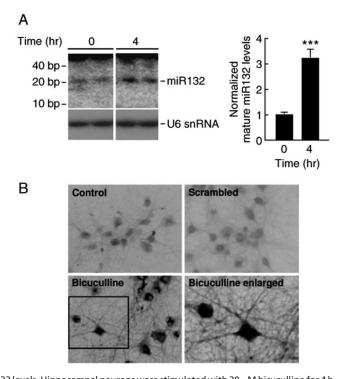


Fig. S1. (A) Bicuculline increases miR132 levels. Hippocampal neurons were stimulated with 20 μ M bicuculline for 4 h. After incubation, the neurons were lysed, and total RNA was isolated. Densitometric quantitation of miR132 levels from six biological replicates are shown on the right. (B) In situ analysis of hippocampal neurons stimulated with 20 μ M bicuculline. Staining in both soma and dendrites was detected. Control represents unstimulated neurons (\pm SEM, ***, P< 0.001).

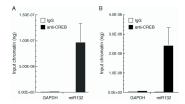


Fig. S2. Chromatin from hippocampal neurons (A) or hippocampi of 12-week-old mice (B) was subjected to ChIP using a CREB antibody or IgG control. Real-time PCR was conducted using primers that interrogate the miR132 gene promoter.

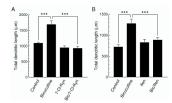


Fig. S3. Activity-dependent dendritic growth requires functional NMDA receptors. Hippocampal neurons expressing MAP2B-EGFP were treated with $\pm 20~\mu$ M bicuculline for 48 h \pm 100 μ M 7-Cl-kynurenic acid (A) and \pm 3 μ M ifenprodil (B). Dendritic length was quantified at 9 DIV (\pm SEM, ANOVA; ***, P < 0.001).

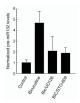


Fig. S4. Activity-dependent miR132 induction requires the CaM kinase and MAP kinase cascades. Hippocampal slices from postnatal day 5 rats were cultured for 4 days, pretreated with either 5 μ M STO-609 or 10 μ M UO126 for 4 h, and stimulated with \pm 20 μ M bicuculline for 4 h. RNA was reverse-transcribed and analyzed by real-time PCR with premiR132 cDNA primers. The data were normalized to GAPDH cDNA levels (\pm SEM, n=5-6).